



New Jersey's Tenth District
Congressman Donald M. Payne

**Ceremonial
Swearing-In**
for the 104th Congress

The Honorable Anne E. Thompson
Chief Judge
United States District Court
District of New Jersey
Officiating

Monday, January 16, 1995
1:00 p.m.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Courthouse
50 Walnut Street • Newark



Donald M. Payne was elected to serve as the Representative of the Tenth Congressional District of New Jersey in 1988 by an overwhelming majority. He was re-elected in 1990, 1992, and 1994 with a wide margin of the vote. Congressman Payne is a member of the Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee and the International Relations Committee.

Before being elected to serve as New Jersey's first African-American Congressman, he served as a member of the Newark Municipal Council from 1982 to 1989. In 1972, Congressman Payne was elected to the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and served until 1978. In 1977, he served as the Board's director. A true community leader, he has worked with young people as a teacher from 1957 to 1964, and with various youth-oriented activities throughout his adult life. In 1970, he was elected president of the YMCA of the USA, serving as its first African-American president.

Congressman Payne serves as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. He is also a member of the House Democratic Leadership Advisory Group. Congressman Payne currently serves on the boards of directors of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the Congressional Award Foundation, and the National Endowment for Democracy. He also serves on the Advisory Council of the U.S. Committee for UNICEF. He has served on the Substantive Issues Committee of the United Nations Association of the USA and the Small Business Advisory Council.

Swearing-In Ceremony

Presentation of Colors	East Orange High School ROTC Cadets
Pledge of Allegiance	Christal Miller Senior, Rahway High School
Invocation	The Very Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P. Chancellor of Seton Hall University
Welcome	Hon. Maria Vizcarrondo-De Soto Essex County Surrogate
Remarks	Special Guests
Poetry Reading	Ms. Betty Neal Author
Oath of Office	Hon. Anne E. Thompson Chief Judge, U.S. District Court
Response	Hon. Donald M. Payne
Benediction	Rev. Toney Jackson Bethlehem Baptist Church, Newark, N.J.